GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2849
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2006
WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO. 8
Kanodia Shri Mahesh Kumar;Kathiria Dr. Vallabhbhai;Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai;Rana Shri Kashi Ram;Solanki Shri Bhupendrasinh Prabhatsinh;Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.;Varma Shri Ratilal Kalidas;Vasava Shri Mansukhbhai D.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tenders for widening the National Highway between Vadodara and Surat on NH No.8 have been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the purpose; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Six laning of Vadodara-Surat section of National Highway No. 8 is to be taken up on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis in two packages. The package-1 covers from km 108.700 to km 192.000 (Vadodara to Bharuch) and package-2 covers from km 198.00 to km 263.00 (Bharuch to Surat). The estimated cost of package-1 is Rs. 660 crore and that of package-2 is Rs.492 crore. The bids have already been opened. Government approval for this project is, however, awaited.

(c) The project is likely to be completed in 36 months time after approval of the Government.